

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claim 12 without prejudice, amend Claims 1, 5 and 9 as follows and add Claims 20-22:

1. (Currently amended) (Currently Amended) Quick-change attachment to connect a tool, comprising

a boom-connecting quick-change component to accommodate a tool, one end of which has a pin, and the other end of which is retained in a bearing of the quick-change attachment by positive-fit or friction engagement,

wherein a bushing in the form of a half-liner having a support angle (α) is inserted within the bearing, and

the bushing is structured and arranged to be replaceable and easy to insert into and remove from the bearing.

2. (Original) Quick-change attachment according to claim 1, characterized in that the bushing is composed of a wear-resistant material.

3. (Previously presented) Quick-change attachment according to claim 1, wherein the bushing is secured within the bushing support region of the bearing by at least one of an adhesive-bonding joint, shrink joint, welded joint, and screw connection.

4. (Previously presented) Quick-change attachment according to claim 3, characterized in that the bushing has a collar.

5. (Currently Amended) Quick-change attachment according to claim 4, characterized in that the bushing in the form of a half-liner has an insertion slot which has essentially the same diameter as ~~the~~ a bearing hole.

6. (Previously presented) Quick-change attachment according to claim 5, characterized in that the bushing is composed of a curved, flat steel, and that the faces of the bushing's free ends contact the bushing support region of the bearing.

7. (Previously presented) Quick-change attachment according to claim 2, characterized in that the bushing is secured within the bushing support region of the bearing by an adhesive-bonding joint, shrink joint, welded joint, and/or screw connection.

8. (Previously presented) Quick-change attachment according to claim 7, characterized in that the bushing has a collar.

9. (Currently Amended) Quick-change attachment according to claim 8, characterized in that the bushing in the form of a half-liner has an insertion slot which has essentially the same diameter as ~~the~~ a bearing hole.

10. (Previously presented) Quick-change attachment according to claim 9 characterized in that the bushing is composed of a curved, flat steel, and that the faces of the bushing's free ends contact the bushing support region of the bearing.

11. (Previously presented) The quick-change attachment according to claim 1, structured and arranged to connect the tool to a boom of a hydraulic excavator.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously presented) The quick change attachment according to claim 1, additionally comprising at least one bore hole for accomodating the tool-connecting pin.

14. (Previously presented) The quick change attachment according to claim 13, comprising three said boreholes.

15. (Previously presented) The quick change attachment according to claim 8, wherein said collar is integrally-formed as part of an edge region of said bushing and the bearing comprises a complementarily-shaped borehole arranged to receive both said bushing and collar in recessed, form-conforming manner.

16. (Previously presented) The quick change attachment according to claim 1, wherein the bushing has a collar integrally-formed as part of an edge region of said bushing and the bearing comprises a complementarily-shaped borehole arranged to receive both said bushing and collar in recessed, form-conforming manner.

17. (Previously presented) The quick change attachment according to claim 1, wherein the bearing comprises a bushing-support region having contact shoulders formed therewithin and structured and arranged to contact free-ends of the bushing which is formed as a curved half-liner.

18. (Previously presented) The quick change attachment according to claim 17, wherein the bushing is formed as a symmetrical half-liner.

19. (Previously presented) The quick change attachment according to claim 18, wherein the bushing is formed as an asymmetrical half-liner, with the free-ends extending beyond a normally-extending symmetrical plane.

20. (New) Quick-change attachment according to claim 1, wherein said bushing is situated within a bearing hole remaining open opposite said bushing, even after insertion of the tool in said bearing hole.

21. (New) Quick change attachment according to claim 1, wherein both said bearing and bushing are crescent-shaped and aligned with one another to define a substantially C-shaped opening for receiving the tool.

22. (New) Quick-change attachment to a connect a tool, comprising a boom-connecting quick-change component to accommodate a tool, one end of which has a pin, and the other end of which is retained in a bearing of the quick-change attachment by positive-fit or friction engagement,

wherein a bushing in the form of a half-liner having a support angle (α) is inserted within the bearing, and

both said bearing and bushing are crescent-shaped and aligned with one another to define a substantially C-shaped opening for receiving the tool.